**Expenditure on Navodaya Vidyalayas**

1441. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on Navodaya Vidyalayas during the past three years; year-wise;

(b) the States where Navodaya Vidyalayas have not been set up so far; and

(c) whether Government would reconsider the language policy in respect of the Navodaya Vidyalayas to accommodate the views of non Hindi speaking States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The details of expenditure incurred on Navodaya Vidyalayas during the past three years (2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05) are given below:—

(Rupees in crores)

| Year | Expenditure Incurred | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Non-Plan | Plan | Total |
| 2002-2003 | 121.04 | 361.33 | 482.37 |
| 2003-2004 | 130.24 | 424.44 | 554.68 |
| 2004-2005 | 145.20 | 442.02 | 587.22 |

(b) Navodaya Vidyalayas have not been set up so far in the State of Tamil Nadu.

(c) No, Sir.

**Practice of Sati**

1442. SHRI EKANATH. K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that it has been eighteen years since the Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act was passed, but Sati is still a way of life in Rajasthan; and